

BE EXPENSIVE SESSION FOR STATE

LEGISLATURE HAS COST MICHIGAN FULLY \$40,000 AND HAS DONE NOTHING OF RECORD

EXPENSES PILE UP.

Estimates Are That It Will Cost Half Million More to Run State for Next Two Years Than in 1913-1914.

(By Douglas D. Martin)

Lansing, Mich.—(Special)—So far this year the legislature has cost the people of Michigan about \$40,000 and it is just getting into action.

The entire \$40,000, in other words, has been spent in greasing the wheels and oiling up the bearings. Frequent adjournments, short sessions, and considerable horseplay has been responsible for the time which it has taken the legislature to get into shape for business this year.

It is believed that this week will see the last of the frequent adjournments which have characterized the session thus far. Both the Republican and Democratic state conventions being scheduled for this week, the legislature adjourns that its members may be able to attend. In the case of the Democrats the adjournment is something in the nature of a joke because there are only eight Democrats in the entire legislature and the convention is held right here in Lansing within three blocks of the capitol building.

Clerks Richer Than Senators.

Figures obtained from the auditor general's department covering the expenses of the legislature for the first month show some interesting facts. During January members of the senate received in salary a total of \$3,300 and \$57.50 for mileage. The employees of the senate drew more money than the senators themselves, getting \$3,749 in salaries and \$1,451 for mileage.

In the house the representatives drew salaries amounting to \$19,000, while their mileage totalled over \$3,000. Their clerks got \$2,937 in salaries and mileage amounting to \$1,135.

No More Mileage.

Senators, representatives and clerks have exhausted their mileage allowances, so that there will be no more claims of this kind during the session. This will help to keep down the total expenditures from now on.

No Chance for Economy.

Three facts have developed during the past week which are of importance to the state, even if no important business has been developed. These are the dissipation of the belief that this would be both an economical session, a short session and that there would be few bills presented.

Estimates which have been furnished the ways and means committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the house, are proof of the fact that there will be a budget of over half a million dollars in the state's expenses for the next two years.

It has been estimated that the cost of running the state during 1915 will be \$1,225,760 and that the expense for 1916, while \$300,000 less than 1915, owing to the fact that there will be no session of the legislature and another deficit due to the cost of the campaign against the hoof and mouth disease. The figures for 1916 total \$1,927,160, giving a total for two years of \$2,412,920.

It cost far less than this to run Michigan financially during 1913 and 1914, the total being \$1,578, 570, or \$643,550 less than for the next two years.

Long Session Seems Sure.

All chances for a short session seem to have gone glimmering. With five weeks gone and nothing done, the chances for cleaning up business rapidly have become so small that even the most optimistic among the members are settling themselves for a long stay in Lansing. In part this delay is due to the large number of new members in the house and the difficulty of getting under way. It has gone so far, however, that even if the legislature throws the lever over into high gear and leaves it there from now on it can never catch up with its lost time.

Many Bills Introduced.

Another hope which has been shattered is that few bills will be introduced at the present session. Governor Ferris asked the legislators, in his inaugural message, to introduce as few new measures as possible. He pointed out the fact that the need in Michigan is for quality and not for quantity in legislation. Most of the legislators made New Year resolutions on the question and agreed that they would not burden the hopper with measures, but gradually they broke these resolutions and the past week has seen pages trotting up to the clerks' desks carrying proposed laws just as of old.

Partial Suffrage Bill.

Rep. Charles Flowers of Wayne county, who was opposed for the senate by the liquor interests, has retaliated by introducing a partial suffrage bill, modeled after the one passed by the Illinois legislature, giving women the right to vote for officers not created by the constitution and on measures which do not require a constitutional amendment.

In other words, under Rep. Flowers proposed law, the women of Michigan would have the right to vote on

local option, although they could not vote on statewide prohibition. It is remembered that this was the first use the Illinois women made of their right to use the ballot and that they swept county after county into the dry column in that state.

The bill would give women the right to vote in city and village elections for mayor, aldermen and other local officials.

Wets to Oppose Suffrage.

It is certain that the "wet" members of the legislature will oppose the Flowers measure. But the fact that they will do so makes the probable fate of the bill seem bright for the women of Michigan. For the wets are clearly outnumbered in both house and senate. For once the drys seem to have a commanding margin in both houses and in addition to this have a staunch supporter in the seat of lieutenant governor.

If the measure passes both houses it is certain that Governor Ferris will not withhold his signature. He has publicly declared that he favors equal suffrage and that he will sign any measure which the legislature sees fit to pass giving the right of the ballot to the women of the state.

In passing, it may be explained that this question is one which need not be referred to the people of the state because of the fact that it does not involve a constitutional amendment. Among the measures aimed at the drys is a bill introduced by Rep. Jerome of Hillsdale, the "sals pilot" of the house, which empowers all city councils to cut down the number of saloons now permissible under the law to exactly one half their number.

M. A. C. Wants "Gym."

A contest has developed between President Snyder of Michigan Agricultural College and the student body as to whether the legislature shall appropriate money for a new auditorium or a gymnasium for the institution.

President Snyder wants the legislature to build him a new office and an auditorium and the students want the "gym." The entire student body is interested in the question and has denounced the legislature with petitions. "Carp" Julian, the great M. A. C. football player, who has won for his college in so many hard fought games, went before the legislative committee personally with a bundle of signatures bigger than a football and handled it just about as well.

The stand taken by the students is that a gymnasium can always be used for an auditorium while an auditorium with sloping floor and fixed seats, can never be used for a gymnasium. They point to the fact that the largest auditoriums in Michigan are in reality gymnasiums and are used as such and their clinching argument is that if the appropriation is made for a "gym" the state will make its money do double duty, while if an auditorium is erected it will only be necessary to build a gymnasium later on.

The legislators are inclined to take the student's viewpoint and it seems probable that they will vote the \$15,000 necessary for the combination "gym" and auditorium. Senator Alton T. Roberts of Marquette has promised to introduce a bill carrying an appropriation for a gymnasium and President Snyder has agreed that if he cannot have the auditorium he will not fight the "gym" project.

Will Snyder Resign.

Before the legislature settles upon the appropriation for M. A. C. it wants to know whether President Snyder's resignation will be accepted by the college board. Mr. Snyder put in his resignation last June and the board has left it on the table since that time. It has appointed a committee to seek a new leader for the state institution but as yet this committee has done nothing. Two years ago members of the legislature who are opposed to Mr. Snyder declared that he must leave, and as they are serving in the present session they want to know definitely whether he is going. Until they have assurances they declare they will hold up the college appropriations.

New Railroad Bill.

Rep. Charles Foote of Kent county is the author of a railroad fare measure which has created considerable favorable comment in the legislature. His bill is not inspired by the railroad and he placed it before the house without consulting any of the lobbyists who are here striving to gain the ear of the members. It provides that the present two-cent fare law shall be amended and the rate fixed at two and one-half cents. The feature which will attract the attention of those who travel, however, is that the bill provides for interchangeable mileage books to be sold at the rate of two cents per mile. These books would be sold for \$20, be good 1,000 miles and would be accepted on any railroad doing business in Michigan.

Jackson May Be "Punished."

The city of Jackson has, rightfully or otherwise, won the disapproval of several members of the legislature because of the constant opposition which the city shows towards the state prison. It is proposed, by members of the ways and means committee of the house, that a bill which the City of Jackson has introduced for water used by the prison, be held up until assurances are received that there will be no more antagonism shown towards the prison.

May Be No Tonnage Tax Bill.

There may be no tonnage tax measure introduced in the legislature this year. Legislators who were once in favor of a measure of this description declare that they are now of the opinion that it would be unjust. A tonnage tax which did not have the official endorsement of the grange loses much of its strength and the grange has signified this year that it will not give the measure an official endorsement. For these reasons it becomes evident that the mine owners may sit back and rest easy for the present session at least.

ST. LOUIS.

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Miss Carrie Knause entertained a young lady from Ypsilanti, Sunday.

Mrs. James Stafford, sr., is quite ill.

The chicken pie supper served by the Presbyterian Aid society, Friday night was a fine social event and also netted the ladies \$28.00.

Mrs. B. C. Hubbard entertained a few friends at a tea party, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Richards of Alma was a St. Louis visitor one day last week.

E. M. Wagner was home over Sunday, returning to his work at Ashley the first of the week.

Miss Mabel Mudge and Ruth Edgar were in Easton, Mich., Friday evening, where they appeared in an entertainment.

Friends of Miss Frederica Hubbard will be glad to learn that she has successfully passed through an operation in a Detroit hospital. Mrs. F. H. Hubbard of Decatur, Ind., is with her daughter.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a "Frances Willard" meeting tomorrow afternoon, at the home of Mrs. D. T. Kemp.

Mrs. Nina Younglove of Milan, Michigan, is the guest of her many relatives and friends in and near St. Louis.

Several ladies from this city have attended the sale of fire damaged goods in Alma.

The St. Louis fireman are planning for a dancing party, the proceeds of which will go to purchase a fire whistle for the city.

The St. Louis chapter of R. A. M., had a banquet and conferred degrees on candidates from Breckenridge, one evening last week.

The O. E. S., have been enjoying card parties weekly on Wednesday evenings. Refreshments are served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lebert and little daughter came Thursday from Ann Arbor to visit at the home of Mrs. P. C. Fraunce.

Carl Faunce entertained the male quartette and their wives, one evening last week.

Most of our teachers will attend teachers' institute at Ithaca.

Mrs. W. D. Iseman has been confined to her home by illness.

Miss Lelia Duff of U. of M., has been a guest for several days at her home in this city.

Rev. Phelps, District Superintendent of Lansing district, M. E. church, is assisting Rev. Ford in evangelistic meetings in the church. Sunday evening there was a union service with a splendid attendance and solos by F. M. Dart and Ross Miller.

The Young Peoples' Dancing club will have their semi-monthly party, tomorrow evening in Tigers hall.

The Farmers' institute held in this city Friday and Saturday of last week, was seriously handicapped in the beginning by most unsatisfactory weather.

In spite of the storm, however, about 200 farmers gathered Friday afternoon and the institute was characterized from the first by its general good fellowship, spirit of co-operation and interest. Prof. Burgess of M. A. C.; Fred Dean of Sheridan, Mich. and L. W. Oviatt of Bay City were the state speakers. Mrs. H. H. Fulcher gave an address on "The Evolution of the Farmer's Home". Musical numbers were rendered by the ladies trio, male quartette and F. M. Dutt. The officers of last year were re-elected: Dr. A. R. Wheeler, president; Fred Hamlin, secretary.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Harrison Wood, last Thursday.

Mrs. Preston is entertaining her brother, Mr. Stevens of Ohio.

Miss Mildred Bauer is recovering from a severe attack of the measles.

Miss Mabel Wood of Coe visited here last week.

Mrs. J. L. Lashan and Mrs. H. Wood spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lashan at Wheeler.

A large sleighload attended the revival meeting at the Church of Christ at Coe, Sunday evening.

Rev. Noffsinger spent a few days with friends at Coe the first of the week.

Clarence Russ is moving his family to St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Biggs and daughter, Pauline, of Seville spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Packard.

Freda and Theodore Wilk are ill with the mumps.

Tom Brewer of St. Louis spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, F. M. Brewer and family.

Miss Iva Perrigo of Alma spent Friday night at Herbert Failing's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vandemark called on Joe Tedrow's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mills spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hayes at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Moody entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. Doane and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Udelle of Alma, Sunday.

Paul and Helen Buck spent Sunday with Mildred Welch.

Tilden Bailor of Box Elder, Montana is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Sias and family.

Orville Allen of Alma spent the week end with his parents.

Clement Knoop is visiting in St. Johns.

Frank Whited was in St. Louis, Sunday.

Leo Wood made a business trip to St. Louis, Monday.

CARSON CITY

Arthur Allsopp spent the week visiting relatives at Miles.

Clayton Miniker made a business trip to Butternut and Crystal, Tuesday.

Vergil Canouts and Roxie Durbin visited at the home of Miss Durbin's parents near Crystal over Sunday.

John Evans has returned to Detroit after a visit at the home of C. J. Evans.

John Morse spent several days this week in Owosso.

Roy Lovette left for Sheridan, Tuesday where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Garlock were called to Toledo, Ohio, this week by the death of Mrs. Garlock's brother.

Howard Nelson has been on the sick list this week.

Rolly Cogswell sold his farm to John Barnes of Stanby, Mich.

The Lillian Lyons Stock company left Monday, for Shepherd where they expect to play this week.

Miss Mable Gibbs visited Belding friends, Sunday.

Roy Lance of Durand visited in this vicinity the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hallett left for St. Louis, Missouri, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. R. Combs and Mrs. F. A. Wright went to Grand Rapids, Wednesday, to visit their sister.

Mrs. J. L. Baldwin is moving her goods to Eley.

L. W. Murry went to Detroit, Wednesday.

Miss Susie Waters has been on the sick list.

Miss Bernice Walker visited at the home of her parents in Alma, Saturday.

H. R. Hartman left the first of the week to visit relatives in Ohio.

Elmer Fish of Toledo is visiting his parents, William Fish and wife.

Mrs. B. H. Lester of Pontiac is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Coryelle.

Henry Heaton has sold his residence to Edward Vrich.

Miss Opal Croom of Elsie, Mrs. Arthur Vermilya and Mrs. Lydia Davis of Bowling Green, Ohio, visited their niece, Mrs. Clayton Miniker and their brother, W. H. Nelson, a few days this week.

Miss Anna Alsbaugh visited at the home of J. D. VanSycle, Sunday.

Alfred Pierce has been on the sick list.

The Foreign Missionary society meets at the home of Mrs. Allsopp, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. P. Albaugh visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. N. Gunther, Wednesday.

Mrs. G. W. Felch has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Maude Hooper spent Sunday at her home in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Canfield returned home Saturday from a visit with relatives in Lansing.

Clarence Benedict is on the sick list.

Lee and Beattie Sloan visited at the home of their sister, Mrs. Crispell, Thursday.

Mrs. Will Gunther is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sparks at Crystal.

Miss Anna Stomach Tablets are noted for their quick relief and unfailing action in regulating sick, sour, gassy stomachs—perfectly harmless, inexpensive and money returned if they fail.—Chas. Rhodes.

NEWARK

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawrence of Charlotte have been visiting relatives here during the past week and looking for a farm to rent.

William Daniels is in Ithaca this week serving on the jury.

Mr. J. G. Carnes, at one time a resident of Newark, died at his home in Perrinton, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lepley were visitors at the Frank Lawrence home, Sunday.

Several children are out of school, having been exposed to mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Spurgeon and daughter, Ruth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lance of Ithaca, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tyrrell have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Chas. Misenholder during the past week.

Mrs. Arthur Crooks is visiting her parents in Saginaw.

One of the best household remedies is Hyomei, that Chas. Rhodes guarantees for catarrh, head colds, bronchitis and croup. Easy and pleasant to use—perfectly harmless. You simply breathe it.

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of District No. 4 Fr., Pine River, for month ending January 29, 1915:

Number of days taught, 20.

Number of pupils enrolled, 38.

Grand total attendance, 622.

Average daily attendance, 31.1.

Pupils receiving perfect attendance certificates for the month were: Chester Jarrett, Pearl and Willis Pettit, Helen, Ione and Paul Buck, John Whitcraft, Jay Bigler, L. T. Lentz, Myrtle and Leo Adams.

Visitors during the month, 2.

Visitors, especially parents, are always welcome.

ZELMA MILLER, Teacher.

How is your supply of Office Stationery?

Don't wait until the last sheet is gone before placing your order.

MY REPAIR DEPARTMENT IS NOW COMPLETE

I have secured the services of two of the most competent and skilled mechanics in Gratiot Co.; Oscar Noack and Lawrence McFee of St. Louis. Automobile repairs or adjustments will now be the principal feature of the Studebaker Garage.

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ALMA, MICH.

AUCTION SALE

Having sold my farm I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the premises known as the W. E. Medler farm 3 miles west and one mile south of Alma, or 1 1/2 mile south and 1 mile east of Elwell, on

Saturday, February 13, 1915

Commencing at 10:00 a. m. sharp, the following property:

Black gelding 4 yrs. old wt. 1350
Good brood mare with fold wt. 1300
Bay colt coming 2 yr. old wt. 1000
Black colt coming 2 yr. old wt. 1000
Iron grey colt coming 2 yr. old wt. 800
Poll Durham bull coming 2 yr. old
Poll Durham cow 8 yrs. old due Feb. 27
Jersey cow 9 yrs. old due May 25
5 brood sows to farrow April 1
Chester white boar 7 months old
4 I. O. C. pigs weight 60 lbs. each
Superior disc grain drill
Deering binder 7 ft. with trucks
New Deere hay loader
Keystone side delivery rake
Miller bean harvester
2 Oliver cultivators pin brake
The above implements good as new
2 Oliver 99 walking plows
Gale corn planter with 120 rd. of wire
Spring tooth drag, 3 section
4 section harrow Gohn Gopher sulky plow.
steel roller

8 ft. Cutaway disc, Handy lumber wagon, set of sleighs, cutter, stone boat
Set of good dump boards, drag, single shovel, wagon bed 14 ft. and rack
McCormick mower, platform scales, feed grinder, seycle grinder, cutting box
Corn sheller, feed cooker, road cart, 12 or 15 cords of good dry wood, 5 pulleys, 3 harpoon hay forks, 150 ft. 7-8 inch ropes and long trip ropes
International 2 1-2 Engine, pump jack, washing machine, grind stone
3 set of work harness and collars, 2 set of fly nets, stack cover 20 by 30 ft.
1400 bu. of good solid corn, 10 bu. of seed, stack of bean pods, 300 bundles of fodder, 2 big loads of shredded fodder, 1 bu. of popcorn, 2 ton of good timothy hay, 25 or 30 bu. of cull beans
A quantity of oats, feed rack, 50 gallon kerosene can half full, 2 stoves and furniture, forks, shovels, hoes, rakes and numerous other articles.

Free Lunch and Coffee at Noon

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$5 or under cash; over that amount ten months' time on good bankable notes with interest at six per cent; two per cent off for cash on all sums over \$5.

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